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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
9th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

According to a report in the Detroit Times, March 9 (a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience), FBI agents from the Flint, Michigan office viewed a color photograph of an unidentified flying object (UFO), then took the photograph for analysis. The photograph in question was taken by Mr. Joe Perry and reportedly showed a disc-shaped object with a dome, silhouetted against the moon.

In a letter last year you stated that investigation of UFOs was not within the jurisdiction of the Bureau, and that the Air Force is the responsible agency. In view of the Detroit Times report, we would appreciate having answers to the following questions:

- (1) Has there been a change in FBI policy in regard to UFO investigation since last year?
- (2) If not, does the FBI gather evidence of UFOs on behalf of the Air Force (and does this explain the action by FBI agents in the case of the color photograph)?
- (3) If the above-mentioned photograph has been analyzed in FBI laboratories, or for FBI purposes, may we have a copy of the analysis report and be informed of the final disposition of the photograph?

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Sincerely yours,
Richard H. Hall
Secretary

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Pizza Pie—Or Flying Saucer?

GRAND BLANC, March 9 —The FBI today probed into

a color photograph of the moon taken by Joe Perry, a talented pizza pie maker, who also takes potshots at the sky with a home-made telescope-camera.

The FBI is interested in the picture Joe snapped last month on the second night of the full moon.

The picture shows a saucer-like object silhouetted against the moon.

The "thing" radiates a trail in green and appears nearer to the earth than the moon," Joe said. "It is round, much smaller than the moon, and it has a dome."

JOE DID not think anything of the photograph until customers in his restaurant

asked to see it again and again.

"It's a flying saucer," they said.

The FBI got wind of it last Friday and the next day two agents from the Flint office visited Joe's place here.

"I showed them several slides of photographs I took on that particular night," Joe said. "They didn't seem to be interested. I showed this particular one and then both of them jumped up."

The agents took the photograph and several others.

JOE, A grandfather at 44, hopes he has been of some service to government experts in their search for answers in outer space.

"But I hope I get that picture back," he said.

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